MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : The *Pakuthi* staff is appointed by the Edavagai authorities. The Tahsildar and the Division Peishkar have control over the staff.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know whether the *jamabandi* Officers visit those *pakuthies* ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Is it not a fact that, in the Kallupara Pakuthy Cutcherry they do not keep all the registers as is done by the other Pakuthi Cutcherries ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : They do keep most of them; but a few were not maintained and they have been asked to do so.

Statement, by caste, of appointments.

422. ***MR. G. NILAKANTAN** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the number of persons, by caste, appointed during the past two years as clerks in the Secretariat ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : A statement containing the required information is laid on the table.

Acknowledgement of petitions.

423. ***MR. G. NILAKANTAN** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) if there is any rule that petitions presented by private persons to Heads of Departments and Offices should be acknowledged in writing ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they are aware that the rule is not followed ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*) : Could not Government acknowledge the petitions presented by private persons as is done in British India ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There will be numerous petitions received for various things, mostly, applications for appointments. It may not be quite practicable to acknowledge all petitions. However the matter will be considered.

Apprentices under training in the Electrical Department.

424. * **MISS HEPZIBAH GNANASIKAMONY** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of apprentices under training in the Electrical Department at present (30-3-1936) ; and

(*b*) the number of S. I. U. C. Christians under such training ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) 53.

(*b*) One (out of the 18 departmental apprentices selected for training direct by the department).

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